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1. A process for the preparation of 5-chloro-4-{3-[n-[2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl) -ethyl] -N-methylaminol -propylamino} -3 (2H) - pyridazinone of the formula (I).

and pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof, which comprises

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a1) reacting a compound of the general formula (II),

wherein X stands for a leaving group, with N-methyl-homoveratryl amine of the formula (VI);



19. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 10, wherein the amine is triethylamine or an excess of the reagents of formula (VI).